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DISTRICTS HONORED FOR HAVING TOP GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAMS

LITTLE ROCK — Three Arkansas school districts were honored this week for having the top gifted and talented programs in the state.

Congratulations go out to Cedar Ridge, Malvern and Springdale school districts for receiving an Outstanding Gifted and Talented Program Award. The awards were presented Thursday in Hot Springs during a meeting of the Arkansans for Gifted & Talented Education. The program in each district will receive \$3,000 as an award from the Department of Education as provided by law.

Cedar Ridge won for the category of districts with less than 1,000 students; Malvern for the category of districts from 1,000 to 3,000 students; and Springdale in the category of districts with more than 3,000 students.

In Cedar Ridge, students are using computer software programs and building tools to better understand how machines work. In Malvern, students worked in teams to write, film and edit their own movies. In Springdale, students worked on a "Stick Horse Rodeo" that included lessons in economic impact of rodeos.

The annual award includes a rigorous application process. The Arkansas State Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education reviewed the applications. The council is made up of nine members appointed by the governor.

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